



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, July 9, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-3264)

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Call to Order. (12-3156)

Vice President Tanberg called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. followed by an introduction from the audience.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Martha E. Escandón M.B.A., Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez and Commissioner Bobbi Jean Tanberg

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

Excused: Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Govine Ed.D. and Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of June 11, 2012. (12-3108)

On motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., this item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Martha E. Escandón M.B.A., Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez and Commissioner Bobbi Jean Tanberg

Abstentions: 2 - Commissioner Reiko Duba and Commissioner Charlotte Lesser

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Govine Ed.D. and Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian

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2. Discussion and approval to hold the Commission for Women's annual retreat on Monday, August 13, 2012 following the regular Commission meeting in Room 140 of the Hall of Administration from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (12-3149)

During discussion, Commissioner Duba encouraged all commissioners to attend especially the new commissioners. Commissioner Creary requested a shorter meeting and put all critical items in the beginning of the program. Vice President Tanberg requested commissioners to come earlier.

On motion of Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., seconded by Commissioner Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., this item was approved.

II. SET MATTERS

3. **SET ITEM 10:15 A.M.**

Installation of 2012-2013 Officers. (12-3133)

Lorayne Lingat, Deputy Executive Officer, administered the Oath of Office to Veda Ward, Ph.D. as President; Commissioner Becky Shevlin as Vice President and Commissioner Martha E. Escandon, MBA as Treasurer. Commissioner Duba congratulated the 2012-2013 Officers.

By common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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4. SET ITEM 10:30 A.M.

Presentation by Sheriff Leroy Baca, as requested by Commissioners Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., Martha E. Escandon, MBA and Olivia Rodriguez on the following Issues:

Data on the ratio of men vs. women in the jails;
The status of women on early release from jail;
The realignment issue within the Sheriff's Department; and
The batterers' treatment program in Los Angeles County. (12-2847)

Sheriff Leroy Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, reported that the Sheriff's Department services a population of over ten million citizens in Los Angeles County, and is responsible for over twenty thousand inmates in the County Jail System. He stated his Department's focus is on education based incarceration, as this will assist inmates in their re-assimilation in society. He went on to highlight the MERIT Program which is offered at Men's Central Jail, where inmates participate in programs which focuses on specific challenges in their lives such as drug addiction and alcoholism. Sheriff Baca responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Commissioner Lesser, commented on the parallels between the programs being offered by the Sheriff's Department and those at the Santa Clara Detention Center, where female inmates participate in a literacy program with emphasis on speaking properly, how to effectively interview for a job, and providing life skills that can be used post incarceration.

Commissioner Rodriguez expressed her interest in a collaboration between Chicano Services Action Center and the Sheriff's Department to address the issues of Domestic Violence against women and the education of incarcerated women.

Susan Hess, Director of Domestic Violence Programming at Echo Parenting and Education Center, opened the possibility of collaborating with the Sheriff's Department in hopes of proving domestic violence prevention workshops to women incarcerated at the Lynwood Regional Detention Center.

Following discussion, Sheriff Baca extended an invitation to the Commission to visit the Lynwood Regional Detention Center in order to view various life skills programs being offered to inmates at the facility.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

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III. RECOMMENDATION

5. Recommendation by President to appoint 2013 Women of the Year Awards Luncheon Ad-hoc Committee Chair. (12-2528)

President Veda Ward, Ph.D. appointed Commissioner Escandon, as Chair of the 2013 Women of the Year Ad-Hoc Committee. Commissioners Lesser, Shevlin, Gallegos and Rodriguez will serve as members of the Awards Luncheon Ad-Hoc Committee.

By common consent, there being no objection, this item was approved.

IV. PRESENTATION

6. Presentation by Rossana G. D'Antonio, PE, GE, and Christie Smith, Co-Chair, Women's Leadership Council, on potential Partnership with Los Angeles County Commission. (12-3129)

Rossana D'Antonio, PE, GE and Christie Smith, Co-Chair, Women's Leadership Council, provided a Power Point presentation on the history of the Women's Leadership Council and various conferences sponsored by the Council. The presentation was to request support with Women's Leadership Council events. They responded to questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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V. REPORTS

7. Report on the collaboration between Echo Parenting and Education and Chicano Services Action Center to promote non-violent Parenting by Susan Hess, Director of Domestic Violence Programming at Echo Parenting and Education Center. (12-3141)

Susan Hess, Director of Domestic Violence Programming, Echo Parenting and Education Center, provided an overview of the collaboration between Echo Parenting and Education Center and the Chicano Services Action Center on the positive effects of non-violent parenting; and the negative impact domestic violence has on women and their families. She stated the collaboration is to help break the cycle of domestic violence and provide help to the women in communities and not just to those in Domestic Violence shelters. She responded to questions posed by the Commissioners.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 8.** Report by Peg Lee, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreations, Recreations Services Supervisor, Vanessa Thomas, Sun Village Chamber of Commerce, and Commissioner Reiko Duba on the 5th District Health Education Community Project - Los Angeles County Run for Health 2nd Annual 5k Run and Walk & Kiddie-K Fun Run held Saturday, June 9, 2012. (12-3130)

Commissioner Duba provided a brief introduction of the services provided to women and their families as a direct result of the proceeds garnered from the aforementioned event.

Peg Lee, Recreations Services Supervisor, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreations, Vanessa Thomas and Jessica Haley, provided a Power Point presentation on the June 9, 2012, Los Angeles County Run for Health 2nd Annual 5K Run and Walk and Kiddie -K Fun Run. They thanked the Commission for their continued support.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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- 9.** Report by Jacquie Marroquin, Program Coordinator, California Partnership to end Domestic Violence, on current Legislation and Programs focused on ending Domestic Violence. (12-3128)

By common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued without discussion to a future meeting.

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10. Report by Education Committee Chair Alice Petrossian, on the 2011 Scholarship Program and Reception held on June 19, 2012. (12-3142)

In the absence of Commissioner Petrossian, Commissioner Duba reported on the 2011 Scholarship Awards presentation and reception held on June 19, 2012. She stated it was a wonderful event and she was impressed with the presentation.

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, noted that 28 of the 30 scholarship recipients attended the Scholarship Awards presentation and reception. Of the absent recipients, one is currently in China as an intern while pursuing her Masters Degree. Staff was unable to contact the other recipient, though numerous attempts to contact her over the past several weeks were unsuccessful; the messages were left and e-mails that were sent yielded no response. The Commission agreed to award this scholarship to one of the alternate candidates. Ms. De Jesus also informed the Commission that undistributed Scholarship funds from last year's Scholarship Awards program will be allocated for use for the 2012 Scholarship recipients.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

11. Announcements from Commissioners. (12-3115)

Commissioner Tanberg announced her resignation as a Commissioner. She will be declining her reappointment for the 4th District. She submitted her parting gift a book entitled, "How Great Women Lead", by Bonnie St. John and Darcy Deane and hopes it will be helpful to the Commission. She thanked the Commission and will continue to support and make women aware of the different services available. Commissioners shared their parting thanks and well wishes to Commissioner Tanberg.

Commissioner Creary reported she gave blood last month and asked Commissioners refer someone to their local blood bank and donate blood.

Vice President Shevlin thanked Commissioner Lesser for the introduction to the Blue Zone Program. She has introduced the City of Monrovia and the City of Hope the Blue Zone Program.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported she attended an Artist Reception for Dr. Astrid Eger at USC Medical Center on June 29, 2012. Dr. Eger created a gallery within the drop in center, a transitional housing for Foster Children prior to permanent placement. The Center contains sleeping quarters and personal lockers for the children. Commissioner Rodriguez suggested Commissioners tour this space.

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Matters Not Posted

12. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-3111)

No matters were presented.

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-3112)

Ms. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, July 9, 2012. (12-3114)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.